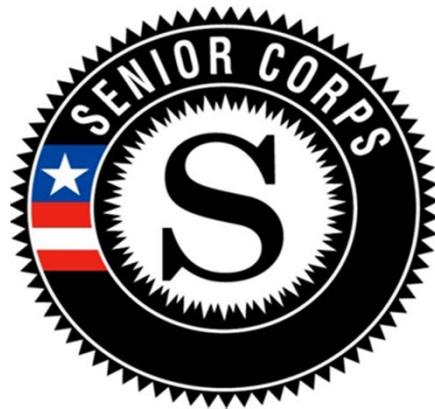




# 2016 Foster Grandparent Program and Senior Companion Program Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders Competition:

## FGP and SCP 101



Technical Assistance Call #1

# Agenda

- Senior Corps
  - Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)
  - Senior Companion Program (SCP)
- FGP and SCP Budget
- Criminal History Checks
- Federal Regulations
- Q & A

# CNCS Overview

- The mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.
- Senior Corps
- AmeriCorps
- Social Innovation Fund

# Senior Corps

- Nation's largest organization for volunteers age 55 or over
  - Foster Grandparent Program: 28,000 volunteers
  - Senior Companion Program: 14,000 volunteers
  - RSVP: 296,000 volunteers
- Located in every state, and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands
- Supports more than 70,000 nonprofit and public agencies

# FGP Overview

- One of the three **Senior Corps** programs run by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)
- One of the oldest and most successful intergenerational programs in the country for volunteers age 55 or over
- The organization or organizations that are awarded will become an FGP sponsor(s); recruit and place FGP volunteers to serve at organizations throughout the service area
- Foster Grandparents provide person-to-person and direct service to the children and youth.

# What is the FGP Program?

- Foster Grandparents are role models, mentors, and friends to children with special or exceptional needs, or who need extra support to help them to succeed in school and life. The program provides a way for volunteers age 55 and over to stay active by serving children and youth in their communities.
  - Volunteers serve at thousands of local organizations that:
    - Help children learn to read and provide one-on-one tutoring
    - Mentor troubled teenagers and young mothers
    - Care for premature infants or children with disabilities
    - Help children who have been abused or neglected

# FGP: Volunteer Support

- Foster Grandparents serve between 15 and 40 hours per week.
- Foster Grandparents who meet income qualifications (200% of the federal poverty level or lower) receive a tax-free hourly monetary stipend of \$2.65 per hour to help offset the cost of volunteers.
- These stipends are included in the grant application budget.
- FGP program regulations contain additional information. Regulations can be found here: [45 CFR Part 2552](#)
- Most often, the Foster Grandparents serve at schools, Head Start Centers, or afterschool programs. These are known as Volunteer Stations.

# SCP Overview

- One of the three **Senior Corps** programs run by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)
- Launched in 1974, the Senior Companion Program (SCP) grew out of White House Conference on Aging policy recommendation—identifying the need for services and supports to adults, primarily frail seniors, to help them remain in their homes and the communities for as long as possible.
- The organization or organizations that are awarded will become an SCP sponsor(s); recruit and place SCP volunteers to serve at organizations or clients homes throughout the service area.
- Senior Companions provide person-to-person and direct service to adults, including frail seniors and persons with disabilities.

# What is the SCP Program?

- Senior Companions are volunteers age 55 and over who make a difference by providing assistance and friendship to adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks, such as shopping or paying bills.
- Helping these adults remain independent in their homes helps to delay costly institutional care and enhances quality of life for the clients and caregivers.
- Senior Companions give families or professional caregivers a much needed time off from their duties, run errands, and often provide friendship for their clients.
- Senior Companions serve 15 to 40 hours per week helping an average of two to four adult clients live independently in their own homes.
- Volunteers receive pre-service orientation, training from the organization where they serve, supplemental insurance while on duty, and may qualify to earn a tax-free hourly stipend.

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# FGP and SCP in Your Community

- FGP and SCP projects are run by an Director at the sponsor organization
- FGP and SCP assesses Community Needs and leverages FGP volunteers to meet those needs
- FGP and SCP volunteers serve at Volunteer Stations in the geographic service area

# FGP and SCP Volunteers

- Flexible Scheduling
- Service Activities
- Volunteer Benefits:
  - Insurance (Accident, Personal Liability, and Certain Excess Automobile Liability)
  - Recognition
  - Meals
  - Transportation
  - Stipend

# Benefits to the Sponsor Organization

- Build the capacity of your organization
- Become part of a large national network
- Strengthen other public and nonprofit agencies in your community
- Demonstrate competitive programming

# Volunteer Stations

- Nonprofit organizations, proprietary health care facilities, public agencies
- FGP and SCP sponsor organizations sign Memorandums of Understandings with local organizations and assigns them volunteers, making them FGP or SCP Volunteer Stations
- FGP or SCP sponsor can also be a volunteer station
- Community is involved through an FGP or SCP Advisory Council

# Service Activity Restrictions

- Replacing Paid Staff
- Political Activity
- Religious Activity
- Labor and Anti-Labor Activity

# FGP and SCP Budgets

- Hire a Director
- Recognition Activities
- Recruitment Activities
- Communications with volunteers and stations (newsletters, other mailings, or local travel)
- Staff Training
- Grants are subject to Uniform Administrative Requirements

# FGP and SCP Budgets

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- Uniform Administrative Requirements:
  - For further information on the Uniform Administrative Requirements that apply to the applicant organization please visit: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources/uniform-guidance>

# Non-Federal Funds

- 10% requirement of the total project budget
- Cash or in-kind
- Excess Funds: Fundraising restrictions

# Criminal History Checks

- Individuals required:
  - FGP and SCP Project Staff
  - FGP and SCP Volunteers
  - Any other participant, volunteer, or staff funded under a CNCS grant
- Visit our CHC Resources for additional details  
<https://www.nationalserviceresources.gov/national-service-criminal-history-check-resources>

# Code of Federal Regulation

- Code of Federal Regulations is the source of the requirements that govern Senior Corps grants.
- The Code of Federal Regulations (abbreviated CFR), is the codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government.

# Code of Federal Regulation

- The eCFR is the best way to access the CFR.
  - FGP-Title 45 Part 2552
  - SCP Title 45 Part 2551
- The Senior Corps Federal Regulations are easy to search and are written in an easy to understand question and answer format.

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# Code of Federal Regulation

- Example: If you want to know how long an FGP volunteer is required to serve, click on 2552.51:

- “What are the terms of service of a FGP volunteer?”

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- Answer:

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